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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) One hundred and seventeen schemes were sanctioned in Malabar district under the Local Development Works programme.

" (b) Six works have been completed and 32 are in progress. The remaining works are pending entrustment to the Local Committees for execution. Some of the works could not be carried out earlier due to rain."

Increase of bus-fare in the City.

* 548 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the bus-fare has been increased consequent on the recent changes of places of sign boards of bus stoppings on the roads in the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The answer is in the negative."

Construction of a bridge across the Kuvatti stream in South Kanara district.

* 549 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a bridge for the Kuvatti stream on the Nileshwar-Maloth road in South Kanara district ; and

(b) if so, when the work is likely to be commenced?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

A list of works executed by the City Improvement Trust.

* 550 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the construction work and improvements made by the City Improvement Trust since its inception?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A list [a] of the construction work and improvements made by the City Improvement Trust since its inception is placed on the table of the House."

Implementation of the award of the Industrial Tribunal in the dispute between workers and management of the Central Talkies, Mangalore.

* 551 Q.—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the employees of the Central Talkies, Mangalore, approached the Government for the implementation of the award given by the Industrial Tribunal on 12th April 1952;

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(b) what was the award; and

(c) what steps the Government have taken to help the implementation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The award was in terms of the compromise reached between the parties as set out in the paper[a] placed on the table of the House.

" (c) On the 8th July 1954, the Government ordered the recovery of amounts due to nine workers of Central Talkies who filed their claims. The Collector of South Kanara reported subsequently that the amounts due to the nine workers of the Central Talkies totalling Rs. 1,980 have been paid by the Proprietor to the workers."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Supply of mid-day meals to Harijan pupils.

32 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the amount proposed to be spent for providing mid-day meals to Harijan pupils in 1954–55 in each district; and

(b) to how many pupils in each district?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement [b] is placed on the table of the House.

Drinking water-wells for Harijans in Coimbatore district.

33 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the amount sanctioned for digging drinking water wells for Harijans by the District Harijan Welfare Department, Coimbatore, in the year 1953–54;

(b) the amount actually spent on that account;

(c) the amount allotted for the above purpose in the year 1954–55;

(d) how much amount has been spent so far; and

(e) the number of new wells dug during the year 1953–54 and the number of old wells repaired?

A.—(a) Rs. 4,550.
(b) Rs. 3,899.
(c) Rs. 4,100.
(d) Rs. 158.
(e) New well dug—1.
Old wells repaired—2.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 59 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix III on page 60 infra.